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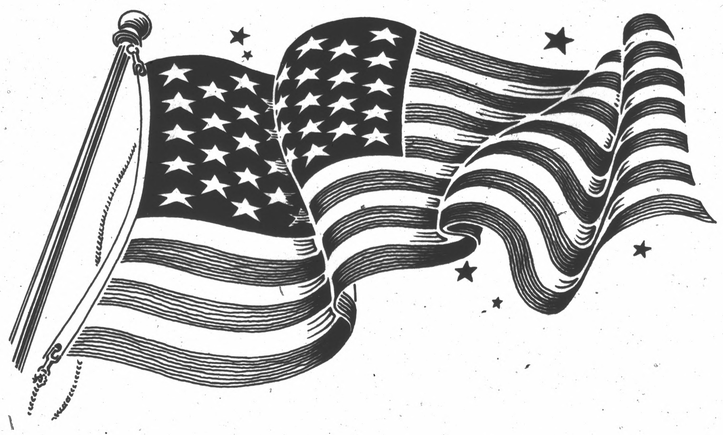

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Driest June on record poses threat to farmers

By BILL SHERROD

Last month, Appomattox experienced its driest June since precipitation records were started, back in 1938.

The total rainfall was .54 inches for the month, according to county Extension Agent Jim Smith. The normal rainfall for the month of June is 3.17 inches.

While the drought and accompanying heat have affected many facets of life in Appomattox, perhaps the hardest hit, and certainly the group with the most to lose, have been the county farmers.

"We are just entering the critical period for some of the field crops, such as corn and the smaller grains," Smith said last week. "I don't think we've suffered a significant loss, but it's hurting, and the crops need relief."

"With good soaking rains and cooler weather this week," he adds, "I think there would be a really good recovery rate for the crops."

Smith notes that the June drought would be much worse if it continued into July. "That's when our corn is ready to tassel, the period when elongation of the stalk occurs and the height of the plant is determined. It is the critical period in the life of the grain. A few cloudy days and a good soaking rain would do a world of good for the farmers.

Gardens, which many people rely on for food during the summer months and into the winter in the form of canned goods, will not fare so well, even if July is a good month for growing.

"The gardens are going to be hurting more than the field crops," Smith says. "Even with a good period of rain, I don't think the gardens will recover as well as the field crops might."

Another problem confronting the farmers is the presense of the tobacco disease, blue mold, in some of the county fields.

The ideal growing conditions for blue mold are hot days and cooler nights, when the nighttime temperarures hover in the high 60s to low 70s. Smith notes that recent temperature patterns have been almost ideal for growth of blue mold.

The two types of blue mold identified in Virginia are "systemic," where the disease gets into the sap system and is very difficult to control, and the more common "lesion" form, in which a small yellow spot starts on the leaf and grows until it seriously damages or destroys the plant.

"Blue mold can be controlled," Smith notes, "But you need hot days and hot nights, and the cure can be expensive. The best way to treat it is using the fungicide 'Ridmil,' which is incorporated into the soil. But that costs $25 an acre, just for the materials."

Smith says plant pathologists are concerned that the blue mold may have altered itself and now be capable of wintering in this and other states where temperatures dip beneath freezing during the fall and winter.

Until the last year or two, it was evident that the mold was eradicated when the temperatures dropped during the fall. The mold would reappear in the spring, riding the warm winds coming up from the south.

But recently, scientists have seen the mold appear here earlier than it should, contradicting the wind-current theory.

"Right now, we are afraid that the mold may have adapted itself to the cooler climates," Smith says.

The same wind that transports the blue mold disease has also contributed to the drought situation for the grain crops.

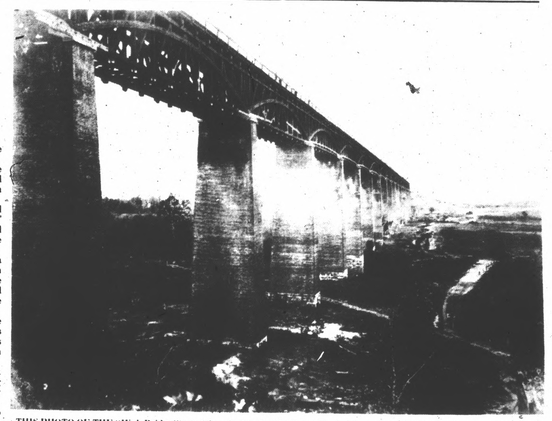
"I can't remember when we've had the kinds of wind we had here in June," Smith notes. "What little rain we did get was gone in a hurry because the wind dried it out.

"We are lucky because we had a fairly good early hay crop," Smith continues. "The pastures are in terrible shape, but a lot of the farmers had enough hay from the early crop to take them through, this far, at least."

Things took a turn for the better the latter part of last week. There was some rainfall, and temperatures fell as a fairly heavy cloud cover settled in over the area.

Still, the weather during the next week will be essential in determining the success of local crops, particularly the corn and small grains.

"The drought situation will have to turn around this week," according to Smith. "If these winds continue and it stays dry, the crop situation could get very serious."



THIS PHOTO OF THE "High Bridge" was taken during the Civil War. The bridge, which still stands about four miles northeast of Farmville, was the scene of one of the last and bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War. Confederate and Union troops clashed here while the CSA Army was retreating from Petersburg. The photo above, one of many in the new book "Thirty-six Hours Before Appomattox," had not been published before it appeared in that book.

Book explores the 'final hours'

The rich history of this area has again been cited in the form of a newly published book, **Thirty-six Hours Before Appomattox.**

The book, written by Chris Calkins of the National Park Service, deals with the final days of the Civil War in Virginia, known historically as the "Appomattox Campaign," or "Lee's Retreat."

Calkins, a Detroit, Mich. native, first started working with the National Park Service at Appomattox in 1972. He married a local woman, Miss Sarah E. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Brown of the Hollywood area.

They moved in 1977 to the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania National Military Park, where he is in charge of the summer programs and works on the Park Historian's staff.

"While stationed in Appomattox, I became aware of the extreme lack of information available on the last days of the Civil War, Lee's retreat from Petersburg to Appomattox," says Calkins.

So he began researching that particular period in history and writing articles for the **Farmville Herald.** At the urging of Mr. J.B. Wall, publisher of the **Herald**, and others, he began assembling the articles and photographs for the book.

"In writing this volume, which deals with the events of April 6 and 7, 1865, I have tried to give a detailed account of the movements of the armies those two days, along with descriptions of the battles of Sayler's Creek, High Bridge, Farmville and Cumberland Church," says Calkins.

"To help the reader understand these I have included numerous maps and photographs to give a visual picture of what really happened those last days.

"The story is told from the eyes of the common soldiers and not the generals, so the average person can see the war as most of the fighting men saw it."

Included in the book are footnotes, a bibliography, units engaged, and casualty lists.

As the title implies, the story ends 36 hours before the surrender with the armies leaving the Farmville area.

Calkins says he is currently working on a sequel to the book which will pick up where he left off, and detail the Battles of Appomattox Station, Appomattox Court House, and the days the armies spent in the area after the surrender.

The book is published in paperback by the **Farmville Herald.** It consists of 80 pages, 18 maps and 70 photos and illustrations. It can be purchased at the Appomattox Court House National Historic Park and the Petersburg National Military Park. It is also available through the Lynchburg Civil War Roundtable.

MEMBERS OF "DEPOT DRAMATICS" rehearse for their first production, which will be staged July 31, Aug. 1 and 2. Their first play is "Bye-Bye Birdie," a romantic musical comedy.

What's going on in the depot?

By BILL SHERROD

Many Appomattox residents have lately asked the question, "What's going on at the Depot?"

The doors of the old railroad center have been open evenings, and glimpses of bustling activity, accented by strains of concerted music have touched the senses of motorists passing on Main Street.

At the center of all the activity is a group of amateur dramatists, who call themselves "Depot Dramatics."

The group is currently preparing for their first production, a romantic musical comedy, **Bye-Bye Birdie**, to be staged July 31, Aug. 1 and 2.

"This whole thing got started in the teachers' lounge at the high school," says Joyce Sweet, who with Debbie Rush is producing the play.

"We talked about how nice it would be to put on a dramatic production during the summer, how it would give some of the kids who enjoy drama something to do."

Joyce and Debbie approached the town council and requested use of the "Depot," and were granted permission to use the building for rehearsal and production of the play.

"We wanted to use the Depot because it belongs to the town, it isn't used in the summer, and we think it has a lot of atmosphere," says Joyce.

"And a lot of people have told us that they're glad the building is being used for something," adds Debbie.

The amateur drama group – a first for Appomattox – is composed mostly of high school and college students, and a few teachers. "We were a little disappointed that we didn't have more people try out who had not been in the drama group at the high school," says Joyce.

The play itself is set in the time spanning the late 1950s and early 1960s. It revolves around a rock 'n' roll star, Conrad Birdie, who is about to be inducted into the Army. His manager plans a wild publicity stunt which backfires, and therein lies the heart of the comedy.

Preparing for the play has been hectic but enjoyable. "The biggest problem we've faced is vacations," says Debbie. "I don't think we've had a single rehearsal when the whole cast was present. Of course, that does make the cast more versatile, as they learn the other characters' lines."

Another problem, which may turn into a bonus for the play, has been the roar of freight trains passing near the stage during rehearsal.

"Ironically, there are two scenes in the play which take place at a train station," notes Debbie. Several times during rehearsal, that scene has been in progress when a train passed. "We may try to time our productions so that the train station scene is in progress when trains pass," she notes. Otherwise, she adds half jokingly, the group will just have to inform their audiences that a "brief intermission" will be held if a train comes through.

The play will begin at 8 p.m. the three nights it is to be staged. "Hopefully it will be cool, but if heat gets to be a problem, we might try to install some sort of air conditioning system," notes Debbie.

An admission fee will be charged at the door, adds Joyce. "We're not trying to make money on this, we just want to have enough to cover the expenses of the production.

"And," she adds, "we'd like to have enough left over to get a good head start on next year. We're hoping that this will turn into a yearly thing."

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Dry weather has dominated conversation for weeks on end and here's one more contribution to the commentary. It provides an excuse, a perfect alibi, for sorry gardeners like myself who would not have had much of a garden anyway. Now we can go around and tell everybody that we would have had enough watermelons to feed the town, that we could have overloaded the canning jars and that after endless toil this would have been "our finest hour" - if only we had had rain. Maybe some of us will get by with this excuse, maybe a few July showers will salvage a bit of harvest. Maybe. But it is not always that you are provided and alibi for failure. Ah yes, but there are many experienced growers who contrive to have good crops, handicap or no. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, think I'll pass up the excuses and be grateful for anything that grows.

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Which leads me to add that it has been a long time since I saw a rainbow. Genesis 9:13 tells us about the rainbow. In school I learned about a word, vibygor, to list the colors of the rainbow, violet, indigo, blue, yellow, green, orange, red. After dry and overcast days, wouldn't it be great to see a rainbow. Were one to appear, all America could say, "We needed that!"

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I do not know the life span of a terrapin, but I think the one I saw in my backyard last week is the same one have had around several years. I named him Jake.

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Notepade item. Someone suggested we might try an easier way to spell. Example, 10AC for Tennessee.

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Thanks to Mrs. George L. Koos (nee Virginia Christian, of Appomattox) for mailing me a copy of a newspaper in her area of Tangent, Oregon, with many pictures of the recent volcanic eruption at Mt. St. Helens. And a copy of Table Rock Sentinel, Jacksonville, Oregon, a reprint of the May 24, 1856 issue and a collector's item.

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If you can stand bad news, I came upon a couple of Japanese beetles on a magnolia bloom. Uninvited squatters.

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During the Fourth of July we hear and read much about great events in our nation's history and great leaders who guided our destiny. It is right and proper that such is the case. We have a fabulous heritage. But I would like to add another thought. That is the land itself. America the Beautiful. Our natural assets are stupendous. Great rivers and lakes. Vast farmlands. Treasures of coal and untold mineral wealth. Waterpower. Oil fields. Favorable climate. An almost endless list of physical assets. I recall that during The Great Depression, Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes wrote a detailed accounting of our national wealth and sought to evaluate it. How much is America worth? What price on Niagara Falls? The Mississippi Valley? The Imperial Valley? Southern cotton fields? The plains of Kansas, the citrus groves, the bounty of The Chesapeake, the natural wealth of America? On our knees, we should be grateful and each generation must pass it on, unshorn. The brightest day of all can be TOMORROW.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Local girl vies for state crown

Nadine Faye Bugg, Miss Appomattox 1980, left Tuesday for the 27th consecutive Miss Virginia Pageant, to be held at the Roanoke Civic Center auditorium July 10, 11, and 12.

She is one of 25 contestants competing for scholarships totaling $5,000, and the opportunity to represent Virginia in the Miss America Pageant, held each year in Atlantic City, N.J.

Nadine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bugg of Appomattox. An 18-year-old graduate of Appomattox County High School, she is currently employed at J.E. Sears & Co. She also works as a lifeguard at the Falling River Country Club pool.

Nadine, who will attend Central Virginia Community College this fall, plans to become a professional medical secretary. Her favorite hobbies include playing the piano, tennis, swimming, jogging and skating.

Her talent for the pageant will be a baton-twirling act. In the opening number of the pageant, she will be wearing a long sequin dress made by her aunt, Clarine Mays.

June Chenault will be chaperoning her during the pageant.

The pageant will be judged by five veterans in the beauty-and-talent field. It will include entertainment provided by a variety of talented performers.

On July 10 and 11, finalists in the swimsuit, evening gown and talent categories will be chosen. The new Miss Virginia will be chosen on July 12.

The reigning Miss Virginia, Darlene McIntosh, will crown the winner, who will receive a $2,000 scholarship.

The pageant will be broadcast on Roanoke television channel 7 (WDBJ-TV), Richmond television channel 12 (WWBT-TV), and Norfolk television channel 10 (WAVY-TV).

Curtain time all three nights of the pageant is 8 p.m.

NADINE BUGG, "Miss Appomattox 1980," and her mother prepare for Nadine's departure for the Miss Virginia Pageant.